Credit sources for poor women in the country

4213. SHRIDHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating for greater access to all type of credit sources for poor women in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is also considering to grant tax benefits for units employing large number of women; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Implications of Sixth Pay Commission Report

4214. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of examining the implications of the Sixth Pay Commission Report on its already strained economy;

(b) whether a recent study by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has exposed the demand of Government employees for pay parity with their private sector counterparts;

(c) whether this study has found that in private sector workers in Class III and IV get much less than their counterparts in Government service, sans security of employment enjoyed by the public servant; and

(d) whether Government will consider conditional acceptance of Pay Commission's recommendation subject to enforcement of norms on accountability and competence based promotions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission are under examination of a Committee of Secretaries.

(b) and (p) No such study has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) The recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission are under examination.

Price component of aviation fuel

4215. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price-component of aviation fuel has 10 per cent customs duty, 8 per cent excise and 23 per cent sales tax;

(b) if so, whether Government is rationalizing the tax structure to sustain 25 per cent growth in aviation sector;

(c) whether the price of aviation fuel is uniform across the country or it is different in various Indian airports; and

(d) whether there is any price difference for Indian scheduled Airlines and foreign airlines refueling in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) attracts basic customs duty @ 10% and central excise duty @ 8% as against the CENVAT rate of 14%. Value Added Tax (VAT) is levied by States and may vary across states.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) and (d) The price of ATF at a given place is dependent upon number of factors and is determined by the supplier.

Parity of pay scales for third and fourth grades employees

† 4216. SHRI B AN WARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring pay scales of fourth and third grade employees at par while implementing the report of Sixth Central Pay Commission;

(b) whether Government is considering to give minimum pay scale of Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 12,000/- to fourth and third grade employees respectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR B ANSAE): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission are under examination of a Committee of Secretaries.

Corruption in Public Sector Banks

4217. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that corruption is rampant in Public Sector Banks specially in financing loans;

(b) whether it is also a fact that builders mafia/construction companies easily get the loan financed even in the name of non-existing persons;

(c) if so, what action Government contemplates to take against erring officials; and

(d) if so, what action Government has taken against PNB Housing Ltd. Noida Branch which had granted loans against non-existing persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Government do not subscribe to the view that corruption is rampant in the Public Sector Banks in the matter of loans. It is also not a fact that builder mafia/construction companies easily get loans financed by the banks as there are well defined systems and procedures in the banks for verifying the antecedents of the applicants before

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.